

HOWARD COUNTY BRAC TASK FORCE

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SUBJECTS: Welcome Guide and Transportation Expectations

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DISCUSSION:

- 1. Fort Meade Welcome Guide:** Regularly, we get questions about which publications can businesses use to make contact with BRAC workers and families. There are a number of publications out there with this mission in mind. Who you choose is your business decision. We can tell you that the official Fort Meade 2008 Welcome Guide is co-produced by Comprint Military Publications under Government contract with the Fort Meade Public Affairs Office. This information is not an endorsement of any commercial publication!
- 2. Fort Meade Regional Growth Management Committee (RGMC) Transportation Coordinator:** As many of you know, this is a new position within our region and it is held by Jean Friedberg. His office is co-located on Fort Meade with their BRAC and Transportation Planners. Over the past 6 weeks, one of Jean's goals has been to meet with all major transportation stakeholders in the region, to include State Agencies. If you believe your organization falls into this stakeholder category and you have not met with Jean, please send Kent Menser an email.
- 3. Transportation Infrastructure Expectations:** The growth of the Fort Meade workforce over the next 10 years will put additional stress on roads in the area. Today, we do not know where the needed money will come from to increase transportation capacities to accommodate this growth. That said, some of our constituents believe that improved roads will precede the arrival of BRAC related workers. That will not happen! There may be some intersection improvements made in the immediate area between now and 2011, but little else from the concrete standpoint. Concurrently, the members of the RGMC are working to identify other, less costly means of reducing current and future traffic congestion. This includes, mass transit, variable work hours and telecommuting, to name a few. If you have any great ideas on this subject and/or would like to come and discuss, send us an email!